

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following paragraph:

[0001] This application claims benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application 60/480,909 filed ~~06/24/2003~~ 24 June 2003, entitled “*Method And Apparatus For Establishing And Using A Secure Credential Infrastructure*” with inventors Smetters, Balfanz, Durfee, Grinter, Stewart, Hao-and Wong hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety herein. This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 11/395,274 filed 03 April 2006, entitled “Systems and Methods for Authenticating Communications in a Network Medium,” which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/066,699 filed on 06 February 2002.

Please replace paragraph [0039] with the following amended paragraph:

[0039] Fig. 1 illustrates a networked computer system 100 that incorporates one embodiment of the invention. The networked computer system 100 includes a computer 101 that incorporates a CPU 103, a memory 105, and a network interface 107. The network interface 107 provides the computer 101 with access to a network 109 over a network connection 108. The computer 101 also includes an I/O interface 111 that can be connected to a user interface device(s) 113, a storage system 115, and a removable-media data device 117. The removable-media data device 117 can read a non-transitory computer readable media 119 that typically contains a program product 121. The storage system 115 (along with the removable media data device 117) and the computer readable media 119 comprise a file storage mechanism. The program product 121 on the computer readable media 119 is generally read into the memory 105 as a program 123. In addition, the program product 121, or updates to same, can be provided from the network as computer instruction signals embodied in a transmission medium (with or without a carrier wave upon which the signals are

modulated or other data transporting technology - including light, radio, and electronic signaling) through the network interface 107. One skilled in the art will understand that a device in communication with the computer 101 can also be connected to the network 109 through the network interface 107 using the computer 101.